

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-57-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) AFDC/RCA/ECA

REFERENCE: ACIN I-112-83

This is to inform you of the department's intention regarding the treatment of income received by an AFDC, RCA/ECA applicant/recipient child participating in the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) programs.

As you know, the JTPA replaced the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) with a new program and delivery system to train economically disadvantaged persons and others for permanent, private sector employment. Two of the programs under CETA, Job Corps (Title IV, Part B) and the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (Title II, Part B) were incorporated into the JTPA. In particular, the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (hereinafter "Summer Youth Program") is a major potential source of summer employment for children who receive AFDC.

The JTPA of 1982 provides for several types of payments for participants, as follows:

1. Wages for Work Experience Programs. Wage rates must not be less than the higher of the Federal, State or local minimum wage, or the prevailing rate of pay for individuals employed in similar occupations by the same employer.
2. Need-Based Payments. Where necessary, need-based payments may be provided in accordance with a locally developed formula or procedure to enable individuals to participate in a training program.
3. Payments for Supportive Services. Cash or in-kind assistance may be provided to cover supportive services which are necessary to enable an individual, who is eligible for training but who cannot afford to pay for such services, to participate in a training program. Such payments cover transportation, health care, child care, meals, etc.

4. Compensation in Lieu of Wages. Compensation in lieu of wages must be provided for participants in tryout employment at private-for-profit work sites or at public and private nonprofit work sites when private-for-profit work sites are not available. Individuals in tryout employment may not participate more than 20 hours per week during the school year or 250 hours per assignment.

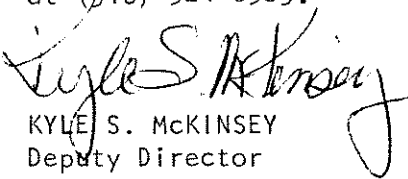
A decision has been reached whereby the AFDC child's income which is derived from participation in the JTPA programs will be disregarded from consideration as income both for income eligibility (including 150%) and grant determination. If the income from JTPA is earned income (i.e., Summer Youth Employment) this disregard is limited to six months per calendar year. If the child is a student and the six month disregard has expired, then EAS 44-111.22 applies. Regulations are being developed and processed on an emergency basis with an anticipated implementation date of July 1, 1984.

The AFDC policy regarding adult members of the assistance unit who are participating in the JTPA programs has not changed. Any payments received as wages by adult participants of the JTPA program are considered earned income as defined in EAS 44-101.52. Any payments made to adult participants of the program as a reimbursement for expenses incurred related to training needs will be treated as any other reimbursement described in EAS 44-101.53. That is, actual expenses will be deducted from the amount of the allowance and any remainder will be considered as unearned income. Any payments received in kind will be treated in accordance with EAS 44-101.8, 44-111.452 and EAS 44-115.8.

The policies regarding the income of the AFDC child and adult also apply to Targeted Assistance (TA) programs for refugees.

For Food Stamp purposes, any income received under the JTPA program will not be considered income in determining eligibility and benefit levels.

If you have any questions regarding AFDC please contact Barbara Cox of the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-5330. For any questions regarding the Refugee Program, please contact your refugee consultants at (916) 322-3141 and for any Food Stamp questions please contact the Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-6583.



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